

Worcester County

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Narrative

The Town of New Braintree is an upland agricultural and residential community in the southwestern portion of Worcester County. The town lies between 900 and 1100 feet above sea level and was the site of an early major Indian/European battle in King Philip's war in 1675. The town has seen no sustained industrial development and has been almost wholly agricultural throughout its history, with a reputation for fine grazing land.

By the late 18th century, New Braintree was shipping its annual production of dairy products, cheese and beef to Boston and had attained a high degree of prosperity. In 1832 a group of 48 men in New Braintree formed a Thief Detection Society, while a Temperance House was set up in 1837. Over 1,000 milk cows lived in New Braintree by the 19th century and the town produced over 200,000 pounds of cheese annually. Townspeople made some shoes in small shoe shops, built carriages and made spoke shaves. Immigrants included Canadians, Lithuanians and Poles who came to work in milk production, dairying, poultry-raising and orchards.

(Seal supplied by community. Narrative based on information provided by the Massachusetts Historical Commission)



Location

Central Massachusetts, bordered by Barre and Oakham on the northeast, North Brookfield on the southeast, West Brookfield and Ware on the southwest, and Hardwick on the northwest. New Braintree is 14 miles west of Worcester, 53 miles west of Boston, and 168 miles from New York City.

Total Area: 20.85 sq. miles

Land Area: 20.70 sq. miles

Population: 881

Density: 43 per sq. mile

Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Barre Falls Dam Station)

Normal temperature in January.....20.0°F Normal temperature in July.......67.2°F Normal annual precipitation.....42.1"

U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

North Brookfield, Ware

Regional Planning Agency

Central Massachusetts

Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)



Municipal Offices

Main Number: (508) 867-2071

Telephone Numbers for Public Information

Form of Government

Board of Selectmen Executive Secretary Open Town Meeting

Year Incorporated

As a town: 1751

Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

	Number	%	
Total Registered	526		
Democrats	112	21.3	응
Republicans	59	11.2	용
Other parties	0	0.0	용
Unenrolled Voters	355	67.5	용

Legislators

Senators and Representatives by City and Town



Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000

Geographic Area: New Braintree town, Worcester County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population	927	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE	007	1000
SEX AND AGE			Total population	927	100.0 0.3
Male	470	50.7	Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	3 1	0.3
Female.	467	49.3	Puerto Rican.		0.1
			Cuban		-
Under 5 years	57 59	6.1 6.4	Other Hispanic or Latino	1	0.1
10 to 14 years		10.2	Not Hispanic or Latino	924	99.7
15 to 19 years	87	9.4	White alone	916	98.8
20 to 24 years		3.0	RELATIONSHIP		
25 to 34 years	96	10.4	Total population	927	100.0
35 to 44 years	179	19.3	In households	927	100.0
45 to 54 years		17.2	Householder	318	34.3
55 to 59 years	59	6.4	Spouse	224	242
60 to 64 years		3.1	Child	315	34.0
65 to 74 years	30	3.2	Own child under 18 years	250	27.0
75 to 84 years	44 5	4.7 0.5	Other relatives	33	3.6
·	l		Under 18 years	12	1.3
Median age (years)	37.5	(X)	Nonrelatives	37 16	4.0 1.7
18 years and over	955	70.7	In group quarters	10	1.7
Male		35.8	Institutionalized population.		
Female	323	34.8	Noninstitutionalized population	_	
21 years and over	624	67.3			
62 years and over	95	10.2	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
95 years and over		8.5	Total households	318	100.0
<u>M</u> ale		3.2	Family households (families)	267	84.0
Female	49	5.3	With own children under 18 years	133	41.8
BACE			Married-couple family	224	70.4
One race	923	99.6	With own children under 18 years	108	34.0
White	923	99.0	Female householder, no husband present With own children under 18 years	26 15	82 47
Black or African American	2	0.2	Nonfamily households	51	16.0
American Indian and Alaska Native	1	0.1	Householder living alone	42	132
Asian	1	0.1	Householder 65 years and over	16	5.0
Asian Indian	-	-	i i		447
Chinese			Households with individuals under 18 years	142	44.7
Filipino		0.1	Households with individuals 65 years and over	57	17.9
Japanese	-	-	Average household size	2.92	(X)
KoreanVietnamese	-	_	Average family size	3.14	(X)
Other Asian 1] []]			
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander		_	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		4000
Native Hawaiian	-	_	Total housing units	328	100.0 97.0
Guamanian or Chamorro	-	-	Occupied housing units	318 10	3.0
Samoan	-	-	For seasonal, recreational, or	"	3.0
Other Pacific Islander 2	-	-	occasional use	3	0.9
Some other race	[_	
Two or more races	4	0.4	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent)	0.7	(X)
Race alone or in combination with one			Rental vacancy rate (percent)	2.3	(X)
or more other races: 3			HOUSING TENURE		
White	922	99.5	Occupied housing units	318	100.0
Black or African American		0.4	Owner-occupied housing units	275	865
American Indian and Alaska Native	3	0.3	Renter-occupied housing units	43	13.5
Asian	1	0.1	'		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	- 4	0.1	Average household size of owner-occupied units. Average household size of renter-occupied units.	2.99 2.47	(X) (X)
come oner lave	'	V.1	Average nouseriou size or remer-occupied units .	2.47	(^)

⁻ Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.

Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

⁸ In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.



Home Sales (Banker & Tradesman) -

Town Stats - Free market Statistics

Subsidized Housing Units (DHCD 1998)

DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

Public Housing Units (DHCD 1999)

Conventional	State:	0		
Conventional	Federal:	0		
Rental Assistance(DHCD 1999)				
State (MRVP.		Ω		

Federal (Section 8):

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Located in the Worcester area, which has three major cross-state highways: the Worcester Turnpike (Route 9), Route 20, and the Massachusetts Turnpike. I-495 borders to the east, I-190 connects to the Fitchburg-Leominster area, I-84 and I-395 connect to Connecticut and points south. The region is well connected by rail and highway to the ports, airports, and intermodal facilities of Boston and Providence.

Major Highways

The principal highway is State Route 67.

Rail

There is no freight or passenger rail service in new Braintree, but the network of intermodal facilities serving Massachusetts is easily accessible.

Bus

New Braintree is not affiliated with a regional transit authority.

Other

The Tanner-Hiller Airport, a privately owned public access facility, is located in New Braintree.



LIBRARIES

Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog

MUSEUMS

(American Association of Museums)

RECREATION

Telephone Numbers for Public Information

Recreational Facilities (Recreational sites and activities)

Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section



HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

Hospitals

None

Long Term Care

None

Hospices

None

Rest Homes

None

UTILITIES

Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities

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